

United States v. Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem
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EXHIBIT A
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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

United States of America,
Plaintiff,

v.

Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem,
Defendant.

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**DECLARATION OF DANIEL
D. MAYNARD**

Daniel D. Maynard, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, hereby affirms under penalty of perjury:

1. I was the trial attorney for the Defendant Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem ("Kareem") in the above-captioned case and am co-counsel on his appeals to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, C.A. No. 17-10067 and C.A. No. 17-10118. I make this Declaration in support of Abdul Malik Abdul Kareem's Supplemental Motion for New Trial and Motion to Dismiss ("Supplemental").

1 2. This Declaration is in addition to my Declaration signed on June 4, 2019
2 and attached to Kareem's Reply to the Government's Response to Defendant's
3 Supplemental Motion for New Trial ("Declaration 1").

4 3. After my Declaration 1, the Government disclosed additional information
5 for the first time before and during the evidentiary hearing that began on October 15,
6 2019.

7 4. Other than the evidence discussed in Declaration 1, the prosecution asserts
8 that at the time of trial in February 2016, it was unaware of the following facts that were
9 disclosed since Declaration 1:
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11 (a) The fact the FBI had opened a new investigation on Simpson in March
12 2015;
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14 (b) The fact that the Phoenix Office of the FBI began surveillance on Simpson
15 in March 2015 and, on April 24 to 25, 2015, the FBI surveilled Simpson all day and that
16 during this surveillance the FBI never saw Kareem at Simpson's apartment nor with
17 Simpson;
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19 (c) The fact the FBI was concerned that Simpson was going to initiate a
20 terrorist attack on the Pat Tillman Run on April 25, 2015 but apparently had no concern
21 about Kareem;
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23 (d) The fact that the Undercover FBI Agent ("UCA") sent an e-mail to three
24 Phoenix FBI agents on April 30, 2015 offering to explain why he believed Simpson had
25 been communicating with him about the Mohammad Drawing Contest and that Simpson
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1 should be of concern;

2 (e) The fact that an FBI agent in Los Angeles, California contacted SSA Milnor
3 late in the evening of May 2, 2015 requesting information on Simpson and that, rather
4 than check the video stream from the pole camera, SSA Milner drove to Simpson's
5 apartment and noted Simpson's car was there but Soofi's was gone – we do not know
6 who contacted SSA Milnor nor do we have any communication to the Los Angeles agent.
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8 (f) The fact the Dallas FBI office contacted SA Smith in Phoenix about
9 Simpson's whereabouts on the afternoon of May 3, 2015 and, instead of going to FBI
10 office to view the live video feed that started on May 1, 2015, SA Smith drove to
11 Simpson's apartment and reported that Simpsons' car was in lot so did not think he was
12 to his way to Garland.
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15 5. There are several items that are conspicuously missing that have not been
16 disclosed but appear to exist:

17 (a) Documents explaining why the FBI believed Simpson was going to commit
18 a terrorist attack at the Pat Tillman Run;
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20 (b) Documents between SA Smith and UCA concerning why UCA thinks he
21 has been in communication with Simpson and any concerns either has;

22 (c) Documents showing communications between SSA Milnor and Los
23 Angeles FBI about Simpson and why Los Angeles FBI was concerned about Simpson on
24 May 2, 2015;
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26 (d) Documents or communications between Dallas FBI and SA Smith on May
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1 3, 2015 concerning Simpson and why SA Smith did not view live feed, did not tell Dallas
2 FBI Soofi's car was missing and did not disclose to Dallas FBI the inquiry from Los
3 Angeles FBI on May 2, 2015.

4 (e) Financial or bank records or documents re Saabir Nurse ("Nurse") that may
5 have shown when he gave money to Simpson and how much.
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7 6. SA Jensen testified that in terrorism investigations, when they find
8 evidence of a financial transaction or some sort of money distribution, the FBI employs
9 a "vast amount of resources to follow up on those types of evidence." (Doc. 559, Ex. 1,
10 p. 44) If this is accurate there should have been investigation into Nurse's bank accounts
11 yet we have never been given any financial information on Nurse.
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13 7. The information about the FBI surveilling Simpson and their never seeing
14 Kareem at the apartment nor Simpson going to Kareem's apartment nor their meeting
15 each other supports Kareem's story and contradicts Ali Soofi's testimony. When
16 coupled with Ali Soofi's testimony at Wahid's case, which I set forth in Declaration 1,
17 this adds even more credence to Kareem and is impeachment of Ali Soofi.
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20 8. The defense would have used this newly disclosed information to support
21 Kareem's position that he did not see Simpson often in March and April 2015; support
22 his position that Ali Soofi lied about his being at Simpson's three or four times a week;
23 and, show that Kareem did not bankroll, train, nor assist Simpson and Nadir Soofi
24 ("Soofi").
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26 9. The Government's failure to make timely and complete disclosures
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adversely affected Kareem's ability to put on a proper defense.

10. Kareem's defense was that although he was friends with Simpson, had been roommates years earlier, and had gone shooting with Simpson and Soofi with his friend Sergio Martinez and his young boys in the desert, he was not aware of the Mohammad Drawing Content before he learned that Simpson and Soofi had attacked it in Garland, Texas ("Garland"), he had not provided them with funds for their endeavor, he did not spend a lot of time with Simpson and Soofi, he did not show them how to clean a gun, he had not encouraged them to attack anyone, nor had he known they were going to Garland, Texas.

11. In preparing a defense it is always important to review all of the evidence and assess how it fits into the Government's case against your client and the client's defense. The analogy of a complex jigsaw puzzle with many small pieces as the evidence is often appropriately used, including by SA Jensen. Seemingly insignificant pieces of evidence may become significant to both the defense and the prosecution as the case progresses but the defense is often saddled with creating its defense only after it understands the entirety of the Government's case.

12. The Government has suggested that the defense wants to relitigate earlier motions for new trial. This claim is untrue. The prejudicial effect of suppressed evidence is "considered collectively, not item by item." *Kyles v. Whitely*, 514 U.S. 419, 436 (1995); see Doc. 303, pp. 13-14. The fact that the Government continues to disclose material information three years after Kareem's trial makes it relevant to look at *all* the

1 late disclosures in assessing whether the motion for new trial or motion to dismiss should
2 be granted.

3 13. As already discussed in prior briefs, the Government failed to disclose that:

4 (a) It had interviewed John Sabari ("Sabari") three times prior to trial and did
5 not disclose any of the three reports until after the trial. As set forth in the earlier pleading
6 Sabari would have been a key witness for Kareem to show that Kareem was not a follower
7 of Sheikh Faisal nor did he Skype with Simpson, Soofi or Sabari (Doc. 345, p. 1);
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9 (b) The Government was investigating Erick Jamal Hendricks ("Hendricks")
10 who the Government alleged to have conspired to provide material support to a foreign
11 terrorist organization ("ISIS") and involved communications between Hendricks and an
12 undercover FBI agent ("UCA") about the Draw Mohammad Contest in Garland, Texas
13 (Doc. 432 and 452);
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15 (c) The UCA communicated with Hendricks who put the UCA in contact with
16 Simpson with whom he tweeted about the about the Mohammad Drawing Contest prior
17 to the attack (Doc. 432 and 452);
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19 (d) The UCA traveled to Garland and was told by Hendricks that he might see
20 a "brother from Arizona" in Garland (Doc. 432 and 452);
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22 (e) The UCA saw the attack, took photos just before the attack, and drove away
23 while the attack was taking place (Doc. 432 and 452);
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25 (f) On September 15, 2016, the Government produced approximately 850
26 pages of documents comprised of screen shots of Twitter communications between the
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1 UCA and Hendricks and the UCA and Simpsons (Docs. 432 and 452). These texts would
2 have been used to show that Kareem was never mentioned and that Simpson was the
3 motivator of the attack;

4 (g) Phoenix FBI opened a new investigation of Simpson in March 2015 and
5 conducted surveillance on Simpson in March and April 2015 and never saw any contact
6 between Simpson and Kareem.
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8 (h) The UCA was communicating with the SA Smith, SA Fryberger, and SA
9 Nolen about Simpson on April 30, 2015;
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11 (i) An FBI agent in Los Angeles contacted SSA Milnor about Simpson on May
12 2, 2015;

13 (j) The Phoenix FBI installed a pole camera to surveil Simpson, and Kareem
14 is never seen on the video;
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16 (k) Why the FBI believed Simpson might conduct a terrorist attack on the Pat
17 Tillman Run in April 2015, and was there any intelligence mentioning Kareem;
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19 (l) Why was the prosecution in Florida related to Garland attack not disclosed
20 even though many of the same FBI employees were used in both cases.

21 14. The Government has argued in opposition to our motion that by attacking
22 the inadequacies of the FBI, Kareem was seeking jury nullification. (Doc. 527)
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24 15. The purpose for attacking the adequacy of the FBI's investigation was to
25 show the jury how biased the FBI agents were in their investigation, testimony, and their
26 findings. The argument was that this was not a search for the truth. It was an attempt
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1 to find a live person to charge. Once the selection was made, all efforts were made to
2 demonstrate it had made the right choice. The defense is entitled to attack the
3 thoroughness and even the good faith of an investigation.

4 16. It was my intent to try and show that the FBI agents were biased in an effort
5 to diminish their credibility in front of the jury, not to seek jury nullification.
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7 17. Thus, all of the evidence that we could gather to try and discredit the
8 testimony of the FBI agents was important and useful. I hoped to show the jury that the
9 FBI was not an unbiased agency but rather since September 11, 2001 has focused much
10 of its resources on Islamic terrorist cases because it was embarrassed by the lack of
11 intelligence that it had gathered prior to the 9/11 attack on America.
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13 18. Thus, from the beginning the Government's primary evidence against
14 Kareem appeared to be that of FBI agents concerning Kareem's friendship and
15 association with Simpson and the finding of certain materials on his computer which
16 Kareem claimed he was not aware of or it had been placed on the computer by Simpson.
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18 19. The thrust of the defense was to convince the jury that Kareem had severed
19 much of his contact with Simpson; he did not tweet nor was he in contact with Muslim
20 terrorists nor any Muslim terrorist sympathizers; that he had never heard of the cartoon
21 drawing content in Garland, nor had other Muslims, and that he had not provided funds
22 to Soofi and Simpson for their purchase of weapons nor for their trip to Garland, Texas.
23 Kareem's lack of contact with Muslim terrorist sympathizers was why the interviews
24 with Sabir were so important since Sabir and Simpson Skyped with a radical Jamaican
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1 Muslim Cleric and Kareem never did.

2 20. As discussed in my earlier Declaration 1, as the case neared trial Ali Soofi's
3 testimony became more damning for Kareem and there appeared to be a correlation
4 between his refreshed memory and his meetings with the FBI just as seems to have
5 happened in the Wahid case. Thus, the credibility of Ali Soofi, the FBI agents and the
6 FBI agency as a whole became more important to the defense.
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8 21. Based on all of the recently disclosed information, the defense would have
9 done the following at trial if this information would have been disclosed in addition to
10 what I stated in my first Declaration:
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12 (a) Called SA Smith, SA Fryberger, SA Nolen and other FBI agents who
13 conducted surveillance of Simpson in March and April 2015 to testify that they never
14 saw Kareem at Simpson's nor Simpson with Kareem and to show the pole camera video
15 that never shows Kareem thus supporting Kareem and contradicting Ali Soofi.
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17 (b) Called Steven Jane, UCA, to testify about his concerns regarding Simpson
18 and his communications with FBI agents in Phoenix and, in particular, his e-mail to SA
19 Smith and SA Fryberger and SA Smith's response;
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21 (c) Called SSA Milner to discuss why he believed Simpson might attack the
22 Pat Tillman Run and whether there was any information about Kareem attacking the Pat
23 Tillman Run;
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25 (d) Called SA Smith who checked on Simpson's car being in the apartment
26 parking lot on May 3, 2015, to discuss why he did not view video stream from the pole
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1 camera, his communication with UCA, what he discussed with SA Whitson regarding
2 the investigation of Simpson;

3 (e) Asked additional questions of SA Whitson, who side-stepped several areas
4 of inquiry about Nurse, the pole camera, the UCA, and the investigation by the FBI into
5 Simpson starting in March 2015 and of Nurse in April 2016, where he was the case
6 agent;
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8 (f) Called Nurse to testify about the money he gave to Simpson and show
9 Kareem did not fund Simpson;
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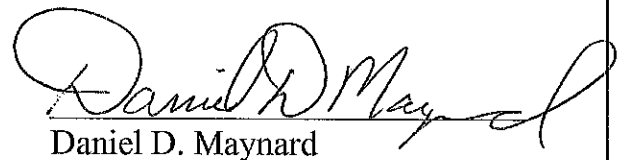
11 (g) Called Sabari to testify that he, Simpson and Soofi Skyped with a Jamaican
12 radical Islamic cleric and that Kareem never did, thus supporting Kareem's testimony
13 that he was not radicalized like Simpson; and,
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15 (h) Expand the cross-examination of Ali Soofi and use his testimony in the
16 Wahid case against him.

17 22. Had all of this information been disclosed before trial, it would have
18 impacted the defense's trial preparation and strategy and the witnesses we would have
19 called and our attack on the thoroughness and the good faith of the FBI's investigation.
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21 23. The recently disclosed information was material to Kareem's defense.

22 DATED this 3rd day of December, 2019.
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